

Sri K. H. PATIL (Minister for Food and Forest).—I beg leave of the House to introduce the Karnataka Forest (Amendment) Bill, 1974.

Madam SPEAKER.—The question is :

“That leave be granted to introduce the Karnataka Forest (Amendment) Bill, 1974.”

The motion was adopted and leave was granted.

Sri K. H. PATIL.—I introduce the Karnataka Forest (Amendment) Bill, 1974.

Madam SPEAKER.—The Bill is introduced*

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 1974-75

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS

DEMAND Nos. 48, 40 AND 47

Sri K. H. PATIL (Minister for Food and Forests).—On the recommendation of the Governor, I beg to move :

“That a sum not exceeding Rs. 10,73,70,000 inclusive of the sum granted ‘on account’ be granted to the Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the financial year ending 31st day of March 1975 in respect of Demand No. 48, ‘Forest’”.

Madam SPEAKER.—Motion moved :

“That a sum not exceeding Rs. 10,73,70,000 inclusive of the sum granted ‘on account’ be granted to the Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the financial year ending 31st day of March 1975 in respect of Demand No. 48 ‘Forest’”.

Sri K. T. RATHOD (Minister of State for Fisheries).—On the recommendation of the Governor, I beg to move :

“That a sum not exceeding Rs. 1,55,45,000 inclusive of the sum granted ‘on account’ be granted to the Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the financial year ending 31st day of March 1975 in respect of Demand No. 49 ‘Horticulture’”.

*Bill appended as annexure to this volume.

Madam SPEAKER.—Motion moved :

“That a sum not exceeding Rs. 1,55,45,000 inclusive of the sum granted ‘on account’ be granted to the Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the financial year ending 31st day of March 1975 in respect of Demand No. 40 ‘Horticulture’”.

Sri K. T. RATHOD (Minister of State for Fisheries).—On the recommendation of the Governor, I beg to move :

“That a sum not exceeding Rs. 1,32,17,000 inclusive of the sum granted ‘on account’ be granted to the Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the financial year ending 31st day of March 1975 in respect of Demand No. 47 ‘Fisheries’”.

Madam SPEAKER.—Motion moved :

“That a sum not exceeding Rs. 1,32,17,000 inclusive of the sum granted ‘on account’ be granted to the Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the financial year ending 31st day of March 1975 in respect of Demand No. 47 ‘Fisheries’”.

STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Re : Alleged Payment of Bills without Receipt of Furniture in the Health Department.

‡Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Health).—In response to an Adjournment Motion Notice of which is given by Shri Kagodu Thimmappa under Rule 50 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Karnataka Legislative Assembly, Shri Kagodu Thimmappa made certain allegations against the Department of Health and F.P.S. stating that a sum of Rs. 11 lakhs has been paid to some firms without the supply of furniture to the Department.

I assured the House that I will make a detailed enquiry and make a statement. In pursuance thereof, I called all the Officers of my department and looked into the records. The Government Order regarding the purchase and supply of furniture at a total cost of Rs. 29,99,877 was passed on 31st October 1973 for equipping the categories of institutions mentioned in the annexure to that Government Order. Due to financial constraint only a sum of Rs. 10 lakhs was allowed to spend in the first instance. The procedure that is followed for all the purchases in the Department are :

The Procedure for making purchases of Hospital Equipments including furniture required by the Department of Health and F.P.